

Farriers Registration Council



Established under the
Farriers (Registration) Act 1975

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“That, being registered under the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 (as amended) (“the Act”):

- A. On or around 25 October 2019, during a presentation given by you at a farriery clinic in Sanford, North Carolina, USA, you:
- (i) Made a comment to the effect that you had wanted to be a gynaecologist, and/or that if any women in the audience would like you to inspect their genitalia, you would oblige them;
 - (ii) Asked for a female volunteer from the audience and:
 - (a) asked that volunteer to walk around the room and encouraged members of the audience to “check her out”; and/or
 - (b) ran at that volunteer so that she ran away from you, at which point you commented to the effect that women often ran away from you and/or that you wished she had not run away;
 - (iii) Asked women in the audience to stand up and walk around, and made comments about women wearing high heels to make their legs and “backsides” more attractive to men;
 - (iv) Made comments to the effect that the early hours of the morning were a good time for a man to ask a woman to come home with him, as she would be more willing to take off her clothes as she was so tired of wearing high heels;
 - (v) Put up a slide of a stripper or pole dancer on a pole;
 - (vi) Commented that the stripper or pole dancer was your “standard for your apprentices” or words to that effect;
 - (vii) Asked two male volunteers to raise their shirts to show their bodies, and commented on their respective builds;
 - (viii) Asked a male volunteer to lie on the floor, and when he did so, put a foot on his stomach

(ix) Asked for a male volunteer from the audience to come to the stage, where you continuously kicked apart his legs and feet

B. In or around August 2017, during a presentation given by you at a farriery clinic in Bonner Springs, Kansas, USA, you:

(i) Used offensive language and/or swear words;

(ii) Made a comment to the effect that if any women in the audience would like you to inspect their genitalia, you would oblige them;

(iii) Asked a female volunteer from the audience to put herself in a “push up” or “all fours” position on the floor, and commented with a sexual innuendo when she did so;

C. Your conduct in A and/or B above was:

(i) With regards to all the above, inappropriate and/or offensive and/or unprofessional;

(ii) With regards to A(i), A(ii), A(iii), A(iv), A(v), A(vi), B(ii) and/or B(iii), sexual in nature;

(iii) With regards to A(ii), A(iii), A(vii), A(viii) A(ix) and/or B(iii) potentially or actually embarrassing and/or humiliating to the volunteer in question.

And that in relation to the facts alleged above, whether individually or in any combination, you are guilty of serious misconduct in a professional respect.”

The above charges are brought under section 15(1)(a) of the Act.

Notice is further given to you that on Monday 13 September 2021, and if necessary, Tuesday 14 September 2021, Thursday 16 September 2021, Friday 17 September 2021 and Tuesday 28 September 2021 commencing each day at 09:30am, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council will be held by way of a remote/virtual hearing via video-link, to consider the above mentioned charge against you and to determine whether or not it should direct the Registrar to remove (by suspension or permanently) your name from the Register pursuant to section 15 of the Act.